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****PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES****

Promptness Prize Two Silver Coin Classic Set
Grand Prize 1945 Dos Pesos 1/20 oz. Gold Coin

1897-O Morgan Silver Dollar

Series 1957- 1 Dollar Silver Certificate

Silver Round - 1 Troy oz. Silver 0.999

Fisher Dairy	S.L.C., UT
Eureka Meat - G/F 5¢	Eureka, UT
Haran & Heenan - G/F 5¢	Park City, UT
Ward's Dairy - G/F 1 qt.	St. George, UT
Taylorsville SoFSpra - G/F 5 min.	Taylorsville, UT
C.E.S. Co. - G/F 10 sticks	Hiawatha, UT
Beaver Co-op - G/F 25¢	Beaver, UT
Shamrock Bar - G/F 5¢	S.L.C., UT
Milford UT - G/F 5¢	Milford, UT
Hollywood Inn - G/F 10¢	S.L.C., UT
Chinese Coin	

1996 - Treasure Hunter of the Year

1st Place - Bruce Dugger 327 Points: Winner of a 1913 - 2 1/2 Dollar Indian Head Gold Coin

2nd Place - Jeral Smith 246 Points: Winner of a 1878CC Morgan Silver Dollar

3rd Place - Chris Benson 183 Points: Winner of a 1905S Barber Half Dollar

Helen Epstein	114 Points
Eric Hubbard	106 Points
Leonardo Vera	87 Points
Tim Rose	43 Points
Jerry Couch	40 Points
Jim Liddiard	36 Points
Tim Zuver	35 Points
Jim Jeffries	30 Points
Kevin Anderson	17 Points
Diane Nicewinter	15 Points
Rob Winkle	15 Points
Ralph Gold	15 Points
Bill Brown	13 Points
Jolene Henderson	13 Points
Brian Westover	12 Points
John James	11 Points
Isaac Gold	7 Points
Robin Hubbard	5 Points
Mary Smith	4 Points
Ann Jarrett	3 Points
Karen Secor	1 Point
Frank Clements	1 Point

Editorial Note: Our apologies for neglecting to announce at the December meeting that Karen Secor is a new Wagon Master.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 1997

Bill Turpela

Happy New Year! If you missed the Club's Christmas party, you missed a great event. We had a lot of people, a lot of good food, and gave away a lot of prizes.

1997 looks to be a great year. The club will be minting a very interesting medal this year to commemorate the 150-year anniversary of the Mormon Pioneers' arrival in the Salt Lake Valley. The medal will take some its design from the old Mormon \$20 gold piece. Rumor also has it that Bruce Dugger will not be trying to win treasure hunter of the year in 1997. This may give some of the rest of us a chance. We also have some new officers who will bring new ideas to the club, so get ready for a great year.

At this month's meeting the club will have its annual display contest. Members should prepare a display of their best finds during 1996. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. Last year, there was a blizzard on the night of the meeting, but it was still held. As a result, I think the competition was less than it could have been, so don't let the snow keep you away.

In the newsletter, you will also see the new rules for the Find of the Month competition. The biggest change is that you must come to meeting to enter your finds — no more sending them with a friend and never showing up to meetings. We hope this will increase meeting attendance and give active members a slight advantage.

Finally, it is never too early to renew your club membership, so consider paying dues to Jolene at the January meeting. Don't let this go and then complain when you don't receive the newsletter in March. Lest you think the Club makes money on the dues, you should be aware that they just barely cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter which is about \$75.00 a month.

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As the new year begins, it is time once again to state the Club Rules for the Find of the Month competition.

N.U.T.S. FIND OF THE MONTH RULES

CATEGORIES

1. COIN: Any coin of legal tender minted in the United States.
2. FOREIGN COIN: Any coin of legal tender minted in a foreign country.
3. OLDEST U.S. COIN: Oldest U.S. legal tender coin that is not a cent.
4. OLDEST U.S. CENT: Oldest U.S. legal tender cent.
5. MOST VALUABLE COIN: United States minted coin with a graded value of \$20.00 or more based upon an appraisal from a reputable coin dealer or the *1997 Black Book Price Guide of United States Coins*. In the absence of an appraisal, the Wagon Masters will make the final determination as to the value of the coin.
6. TOKEN: Any commercial trade token (does not include good luck tokens, presidential tokens, commemorative medallions, etc.).
7. JEWELRY: Any jewelry item including rings, cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medallions, charms, etc.
8. ARTIFACT: Any man-made artifact including arrowheads, bottles, jewelry, etc.
9. BUTTON: Any clothing fastener or snap (does not include advertising or political pin-buttons).
10. NON-METAL FINDS: Any item not containing metal including bottles (without metal caps), marbles, arrowheads, plastic toys, etc.
11. MOST VALUABLE BOTTLE: Any bottle with a value of \$10.00 or more based upon a bottle book value or the determination will be made by the Wagon Masters.
12. PEOPLE'S CHOICE BOTTLE: Any bottle.

GENERAL RULES

(Note Rule Change #3)

1. Only N.U.T.S members can enter items in the Find of the Month; however, non-members are welcome to display their finds or collections at club meetings.
2. Entries in the Find of the Month must have been found since the last monthly meeting. At the February meeting, members may enter items found since the November meeting including finds made during December and January.
3. A member needs to be present at the club meeting to enter his/her items.
4. At the January meeting, members may display their finds from the prior year. Prizes will be awarded for the best displays; however, no points will be awarded for the Find of the Month competition.
5. An item can only be entered in the name of the person who actually found it. For example, if junior finds a 1909S V.D.B. penny, it must be entered in junior's name and not dad's name, even if junior was using dad's detector.
6. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found together and must remain together to make a single entry complete. For example, a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in either the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item (except as a display). However, a group of coins attached or fused together would be one item.
7. If a member attempts to enter an item in a category for which the item does not qualify, the member will be asked to enter it in the correct category or remove the entry.
8. Questions about the Find of the Month competition should be directed to the club's Wagon Masters (who, as everyone knows, are both wise & enlightened)..
9. Points for Find of the Month will be based on the following system:
 - a. First Place In A Category 4 points
 - b. Second Place 3 points
 - c. Third Place 2 points
 - d. Entry Of An Item In A Category 1 point

The member with the most points after the November meeting will be named the N.U.T.S. Treasures Finder of the Year. The winner will be announced at the December meeting.

From the Co-Editor's Desk:



A TREASURE TROVE OF INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

By Robert Winkle

The Internet is rapidly becoming the primary form of communication and information retrieval for individuals around the world. The Internet has also become very inexpensive compared to just a few years ago. It is now possible to subscribe to an Internet provider in your city via a modem and have unlimited access to the Internet for under \$20 a month. Since the provider is usually in your local calling area, there will also be no long distance charges.

The amazing thing about the Internet is that it brings together people with similar interests and hobbies from all over the world, and treasure hunting is no exception. Two of the best web sites for treasure hunters are the TreasureNet and the Online Treasure Hunter.

The TreasureNet is located at <http://www.treasurenet.com> and features the following:

- Online Retailers - Northwest Treasure Supply Online Catalog, Jimmy Sierra Products and Tours, Arizona Al's, etc.
- Manufacturers - White's, Fisher, Garrett, Tesoro, Discovery, J.W. Fisher's, Bounty Hunter, Keene Engineering, etc. Most have information on all of their equipment.
- Links to other web sites for specific interests, such as Prospecting, Archeology, Remote Sensing, and Reference Materials.
- Message Forums - The message forums are by far the most entertaining areas at this web sight. People from around the world ask questions, give opinions on equipment, share tips, boast about their finds, and exchange research information. The forums are public so you can see the conversations between the individuals. The areas in the Message Forum include Metal Detecting, Relic Hunter, Club Information, Prospecting, Treasure Hunting, Shipwrecks, and Classified Ads.
- General Links to over 150 different web sites dealing with treasure hunting.

The Online Treasure Hunter is located at <http://www.onlinether.com> and features the following:

- How-To-Information
- Miscellaneous Treasure Hunting Information
- Equipment-Related Information - this area is my favorite. Particularly the Industry News Area, where you can find the latest press releases from each metal detector manufacture. For example, Garrett Electronics' latest press release announced its new GTI 2000 and its new 15 inch gold pan called the Supersluice. This area also

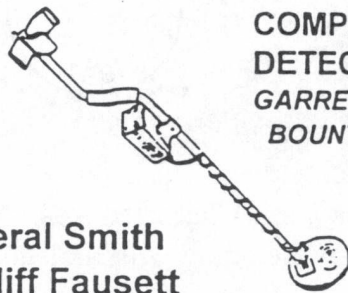
features product evaluations and tips. In fact, I wanted a hard case for my White's Silver Eagle. An individual posted at tip that a \$30.00 bow case from K-Mart would perfectly house my Silver Eagle and other equipment (tools, extra batteries, different coils, etc.) without having to dismantle the detector, and it was airline approved. I went to K-Mart and bought the bow case. It works perfectly.

The areas to explore on the Internet are almost limitless. You can checkout what Kellyco Metal Detector Distribution has on sale without waiting for the catalogs at <http://www.techware.com/kellyco>. Remember that article you read in Lost Treasure Magazine some five years ago (or longer) that you wish you had now for your research? No problem, go to Lost Treasure Online at <http://www.losttreasure.com>. You will find the back issues online for your reading pleasure, as well as a research library, classified ads, field tests, etc.

Other than the fee for your service provide, the information is free. So get out there and discover the information treasures on the Internet.

(If any members have any specific questions about the Internet, please feel free ask me at our meetings - Rob.)

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